



Tyne and Wear Freight Action Plan

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Loading and Unloading Arrangements



Two sites were revisited on the 5th May 2009 to review the effect Civil Enforcement had on parking in Shields Road and Chillingham Road. The times of the survey were from 10:30 and 13:30 to enable a significant

lapse over the parking restriction durations.

Chillingham Road was found to be adhering to the new parking restrictions, the parking bays however were found to be 50 to 75% occupied during the time of the survey. This capacity restricted goods vehicles parking safely in the parking bays. Recommendations are to develop four loading bays at strategic points in Chillingham Road, but to be operational twice a day, once in the morning and the other late afternoon.

Shields Road survey supported the original survey in March where vehicles were parked for extended periods of time, inappropriate parking in the lanes behind Shields Road and in the parking bays restricted deliveries to the outlets. Goods vehicles were found to be delivering on double yellow line and kerb restrictions. Recommendations were put forward to leave Shields road as is, and to afford suitable access to the lanes

through Civil Enforcement providing a natural management of parking.

Mapping

Excellent progress is being made to the update of the individual destination maps. The maps which were basic preferred route maps have now been updated with company names and locations. The review of the other maps with company names and locations are progressing well, prioritising those that are to be converted into the interactive style map.

The Highways restriction map will be redeveloped to use other software, reducing the size of the file, and is to be transferred to the Newcastle City Server. Discussions are taking place to find the most appropriate system to run the programme. The final programme will be available to stakeholders to update information and to third party users for information.

Durham County Council has produced a regional freight map and a series of individual maps for - Barnard Castle, Bishop Auckland, Chester le Street, Consett, Crook/Willington, Durham, Newton Aycliffe and Peterlee.

These can be found on www.tyneandwearfreight.info website under the Area Freight Maps tag.



National Freight Map

Meetings have recently been held with other authorities, OS mapping, Navteq and DfT to discuss the future of mapping. The development of technology in GIS and GPS mapping means we can move forward to a consistent approach nationally. It would allow a national data source that will allow further development, is to include highway restrictions and offer consistent data. It will be easily accessible to the end user or 3rd party Sat Nav system supplier, but more importantly it can be regularly updated.

A workshop is to be held at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington on the 2nd July to discuss ways to improve Sat Nav for commercial vehicles. The vision statement for the national freight map is as follows:

- A GPS freight map that directs and advises all commercial drivers the most suitable and legal routes to travel on around England;
- A "live" feed that can be continually updated to provide an up to date position of the strategic road network;
- A system that can be a one stop shop for hauliers needs including abnormal load routes;
- Provide all commercial drivers with the locations of safe and secure off road parking so that drivers can comply with their drivers owners;
- To have a system in place where highway authorities can centrally store information relating to traffic regulation orders in a format that everyone can use;
- Part funded by local government and private sector companies to allow all parties an equal amount responsibility for delivery and maintenance.

Promoting the Partnership

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The first application made in January 2009 for European funding was not successful, but the feedback was very positive. We are currently making another bid consolidating two bids into one. The Interactive mapping together with the embedding of the maps will be re-written with more detail of the costs and summary of the application. We are looking for a European partner with the same issues to enter into the submission to make the bid a lot stronger. It is expected that the new submission date will be early summer,

Port of Tyne (Insight Seminar)

The overall results for the Port of Tyne were excellent although the car market was low. The coal business is still robust with the port handling 65,000 tonne each week and taken from the port by an average of 48 trains. However this was surpassed with 67 trains in November 2008. The port operates the rail connection with a staff of six people.



The partnership put a question forward to the port of Tyne panel:

"The enhanced railway loading gauge now provided from the Port of Tyne to the East Coast Mainline and the planned reactivation of the Boldon East Curve will facilitate an increase in rail shipments to and from the Port. What steps are the Port taking to respond to these changes and what further improvements has the Port identified with its rail partners to ensure that its rail freight involvement continues to grow?"

The panel confirmed that the port welcomes the development of the Boldon East Curve which would open up the rail path to the East Coast Main Line (ECML) at Northallerton. This would allow a 24/7 operation which only applies to coal and petrochemical trains, the high cube containers will still go by Gateshead to the ECML.

TT2 Strategic Partnering Forum

The project is on schedule for the original completion date. Silverlink Roundabout causes concern but interim funding of £3m has been obtained to upgrade the roundabout. An extra lane will be introduced to maximise the volume throughput.



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Award Applications

At the end of May an application was submitted to the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). We are hoping that we will be as successful as in 2008.

Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership Promotional DVD



The Partnership agreed to the production of a promotional DVD to be made about the work undertaken by the Partnership. The filming took place on the 25th and 26th of June.

Interviews were carried out with stakeholders and the Chamber of Commerce. An actress carried out the narration.

The DVD will be available soon for anyone who would like one. More detail will be given at the next Partnership meeting.

Rail Freight

The aim of this year's rail freight project is to understand the impacts of future developments from Teesside to Northumberland. How we can assist in the modal shift from road to rail and link in with the rail operators.



The first step to increase awareness of rail to the Partnership was to invite a representative from DB Schenker to the Partnership meeting. The second consisted of a presentation given by Mark Coyle of DB Schenker on "Rail today". Mark gave a very interesting view of rail freight in the North East, discussing the Freight Facilities grant for modal shift, rail and the environment and where next using Telford International rail freight Park as an example of best practice.



The benefit of laying down track rather than road can be seen in the pictures, rail take less land to build and is cheaper than road per metre.

Lorry Parking Opportunities

Further meetings have taken place with the proposed operator. They are looking to the end of the year for the site to be up and running. Planning applications are needed to make the land suitable to take lorries into the site on a new one-way system.

The Partnership is to investigate the signage required from the strategic route network to direct traffic to the site. There will be further updates in the following newsletter.

Get Involved

You are welcome to attend the next meeting, which is to be held on **September 17th 2009 at 10:30** in the **Government Office for the North East, City Gate, Gallowgate, Newcastle, NE1 4WH.**

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